

I find the Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election to be truly outrageous and a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, the interests of the public are relegated to the bottom of the heap and instead many markets and the public living therein are subjected to the interests of one person or a one company.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Companies such as Sinclair Broadcasting should be subjected to intense investigation to see if they are worthy to retain their license. In this case, I doubt it very much.

Thank you.